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SUBJECT: PROGRAMMING OF IV GRANTEES INTERESTED IN 1976

ELECTIONS

HEREWITH REPEAT STATE 285704 TO ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

1. PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING PROBLEMS DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR, AS DISCUSSED CA-4776, OCT. 19, 1971, SHOULD BE EVEN MORE INTENSE IN 1976 DUE INFLUX FOREIGN VISITORS FOR BICENTENNIAL AND AS SPIN-OFF FROM CANADIAN OLYMPICS.

2. AS WITH PAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, TICKETS FOR CONVENTIONS WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED, INTERVIEWS/MEETINGS WITH MAJOR CANDIDATES VERY UNLIKELY. PRIMARIES PRESENT BEST OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE ELECTIONS FOR IV'S WHOSE MAJOR PROFESSIONAL INTEREST IS U.S. POLITICAL PROCESS. TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY OF THESE GRANTEES AS POSSIBLE, DEPT. AND PROGRAM AGENCIES UNDERTAKING MAJOR GROUP PROGRAMMING EFFORT.

3. FOR IV'S WHOSE PRINCIPAL INTEREST U.S. ELECTIONS,

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PROPOSING SERIES OF GROUP PROJECTS ALL OF WHICH WOULD

BEGIN WITH BRIEFINGS WASHINGTON ON U.S. POLITICAL PROCESS, CAMPAIGN ISSUES, ETC., FOLLOWED BY OBSERVATION OF

OF PRIMARY CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES/ELECTION. PROGRAM WOULD ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION SECONDARY INTERESTS OF GROUP.

4. TENTATIVELY PLANNING ON FOUR AFRICAN GROUPS TO OB-SERVE FOLLOWING PRIMARIES:

NEW YORK, APRIL 6, PROJECT BEGINS MARCH 28

PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 27, PROJECT BEGINS APRIL 18

ILLINOIS, MAY 4, PROJECT BEGINS APRIL 26

MICHIGAN, MAY 18, PROJECT BEGINS MAY 10

THERE WILL ALSO BE TIME FOR SOME OBSERVATION OF CAMPAIGN IN AT LEAST ONE OTHER STATE.

5. PLEASE CABLE BY DECEMBER 12 WHETHER POST INTENDS NOMINATE IV'S FOR ANY OF THESE PROJECTS. IF AFFIRMATIVE, INDICATE WHICH OF FOUR PRIMARIES WOULD BE POST'S FIRST CHOICE AND WHICH WOULD BE SECOND CHOICE. PROVIDE BIO DATA AND INDICATION OF LANGUAGE CAPABILITY. KISSINGER

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